

Christmas Eve Service

Children's Christmas Pageant



Saturday, December 24, 2022 at 5pm
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
West Des Moines, Iowa

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Gather #357

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him...
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy
morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him...

Please be seated.

The Christmas Pageant

The Annunciation

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Gather #359

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth.

The Birth of Jesus

What Child Is This?

Gather #387

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.
2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

The Angelic Host

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Gather #356

1. *Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled!'
Joyful, all you nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'
Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King!'*
2. *Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord:
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see:
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King!'*

In the Fields

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gather #361

1. *Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*
2. *Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Following the Star

We Three Kings

Gather #382

1. *We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect Light.*
2. *Glorious now behold him rise,
King and God and sacrifice:
Heav'n sings, 'Hallelujah!'
'Hallelujah!' earth replies.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect Light.*

Conclusion

Please stand for the singing of the carol as the pageant participants depart and rejoin their families in the congregation.

Joy to the World

Gather #353

1. **Joy to the world! the Lord is come:**
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. **Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:**
Let us, our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. **He rules the world with truth and grace,**
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

The Peace

Priest The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Away in a Manger

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Gather #367, v. 1

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
O give heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born today!
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

In the fullness of time you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Hymnal #S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Communion

You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to receive communion.

To receive the sacrament, come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The wine is received by intinction, by dipping the wafer into the bowl.

*Please let the clergy know if you require a **gluten-free wafer**.*

*To indicate that you would prefer a **blessing only**, cross your arms across your chest.*

If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

Carols at Communion

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Gather #379

- 1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, good will to all
From heaven's all gracious King';
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.*
- 2. Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.*
- 3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife,
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the heav'nly hymn have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And warring humankind hears not
The tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife
And hear the angels sing.*
- 4. For, lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the evercircling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.*

1. *There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
and a baby's low cry!
And the Star rains its fire
while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!*
2. *There's a tumult of joy
o'er the wonderful birth,
for the virgin's sweet boy is the
Lord of the earth.
Ay! The star rains its fire
while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!*
3. *In the light of that star
lie the ages impearled;
and that song from afar
has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame,
and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations
that Jesus is King!*
4. *We rejoice in the light,
and we echo the song
that comes down through the night
from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely
evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle
our Savior the King!*

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and forevermore. Amen.

Carol by Candlelight

Silent Night

Gather #371

The candles will be lit along the aisles. Please pass on the light to your neighbor.

1. *Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.*
2. *Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!*
3. *Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

Blessing

1. *God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Savior
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*
2. *In Bethlehem in Judah
This blessed babe was born,
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn:
For which his mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*
3. *From God our great Creator
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*
4. *The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks afeeding
In tempest, storm, and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The blessed babe to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*
5. *Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and charity
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others shall replace.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia!! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power God has given to us to bring Jesus' redeeming love into the world.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!!

Postlude

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Thank you to all of the adults who had a hand in creating and producing our pageant!

Merry Christmas!

Whether you are a longtime parishioner at St. Timothy's, a newcomer, or a friend or family member visiting from out of town, we are delighted that you are celebrating the miracle of Christ's birth with us tonight.

Our worship tonight is full of joyous carols, familiar readings, and candles glowing in the night. All of it calls us to remember the incredible gift God has given us in the birth of Jesus, our Prince of Peace. And all is made that much more special by your presence.

I wish you a Merry Christmas from St. Timothy's, and may God bless you and keep you in the New Year.

Peace,



The Rev. Kyle Carswell
Rector

2nd OFFERING PARTNER

The Angel Tree & St. Timothy's Faith & Food Fund



Thanks to all who shopped, wrapped, and brought their gifts for the six families we “adopted” in our community.

Financial gifts will help fund this effort and our Faith & Food Fund, which allows us to assist individuals with immediate needs throughout the year. If you would like to help support this ministry financially, you can do so at: sttimothysiowa.org/donate

COMING UP

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 26 THROUGH JANUARY 2.

Calls and emails will be monitored for pastoral care needs.
All others will be returned when the office re-opens on January 3.



Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25 | 10:15 AM

In-person only; no livestream available. No Christian formation this Sunday.

THE COMING WEEK

Wednesday, December 28

11:30 am Men's Lunch at Palmer's on Ingersoll

Friday, December 30

NO BBB – We resume January 6.

Saturday, December 31

NO 5 pm SERVICE

Sunday, January 1

10:15 am New Year's Day Service

NO FORMATION – We resume January 8.

New Year's Day Service

Sunday, January 1 | 10:15 AM

No Saturday service on the 31st

On New Year's Day, we will conduct our service using the Book of Common Prayer rather than a bulletin. Come crack open that red book in the pews as we continue our celebration of the Christmas season. No Christian formation this Sunday.

Epiphany Celebration

Sunday, January 8 | 10:15 AM

Start the year off right by celebrating the arrival of the magi at Epiphany. After our worship service, we will gather for a potluck meal in the Parish Hall. There will be Epiphany-related activities for children, including crafts, cookie decorating, and chalking the door.





Thank You



To all who donated to support our Christmas flowers and greens!

In Thanksgiving For

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In Memory Of

Given By

Lea & Bob Hollwager

Our Children and Grandchildren
Jeanie & Bill Smith

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